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### **IN THE SPECIFICATION**

*Kindly amend the specification as follows:*

#### **Paragraph beginning at page 6, line 18:**

The male coupler portion A is also configured for operative connection to one or more tilt control links/members such as linkages, cylinder rod-eyes or the like. As shown, the associated tilt link or other tilt control member of the associated wheel loader is adapted for a pivoting pin-on connection to the male coupler portion A between the central ribs 10e of each coupler half A1,A2 at a location P3 by means of aligned apertures 12e defined in the central ribs 10e. More particularly, the two central ribs 10e cooperate to define therebetween a link channel C2 adapted to receive an associated tilt link, cylinder rod eye or other member that controls the angular position of the male coupler portion A relative to the loader arms connected at points P1,P2. The tilt link or other control member is pivotally secured to the male coupler portion A via pin-on connection at the point P3 defined by the aligned ~~apertures 14e~~ apertures 12e of ribs 10e. Bosses and pin-retainers are provided at all pin-on locations P1,P2,P3 to ensure proper pin fit and retention and for added strength as is generally known in the art.

#### **Paragraph beginning at page 10, line 18:**

As briefly noted above, the coupler A comprises first and second lock assemblies L1,L2 as shown in FIG.3. With brief reference to FIG. 3A, the lock assemblies L1,L2 are preferably identical or substantially similar and comprise an actuator such as a hydraulic screw or cylinder 60 including a rod 62 that extends and retracts ~~as a~~ as is well known in the art. The lock assemblies L1,L2 each further comprise a plunger assembly 64 comprising a plunger pin 66. The plunger pin 66 is conformed and dimensioned to be closely (with minimal clearance) and slidably received into and through the aligned lock apertures

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50b,50c,50d of the respective coupler halves A1,A2. In the illustrated embodiment, the plunger pin 66 and lock apertures 50b,50c,50d are cylindrical. Alternatively, the lock assemblies L1,L2 are manually operable so that the plunger pins 66 are manually moved to and between the extended and retracted positions.